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EXAMINING GROUP 2800

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sundaram et al.

Applic No.: 09/176,580

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For : GLIDE HEAD FOR ASPERITY
DETECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2000,
please enter the following amendments and consider the following
remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2, as follows:

(Amended) A glide head comprising:

an air bearing surface;

a trailing edge connecting the air bearing surface with a top
surface; and

a first thermal transducer that is generally planar, the plane
of the thermal transducer being oriented along the air-
bearing surface and the plane of the thermal transducer
not being oriented along the trailing edge.

REMARKS

Claims 2-20 remain for consideration. Claims 17-20 were
previously found allowable over the prior art of record. Claim 2